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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN UNIONS SEEK AMERICAN PARTICIPANT IN SEMINAR

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1. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GROUP WOULD NOW LIKE DEPARTMENT EXTEND INVITATION ON ITS BEHALF TO ALBERT SHANKER, UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ADDRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT PERTH FEBRUARY 12-14 (SEE REFTTEL A). DUE TO SHORTNESS OF TIME AND EVIDENT FAILURE OF PREVIOUS ATTEMPT AT COMMUNICATION WITH SHANKER, LABATT HAS AGREED WITH THIS UNUSUAL PROCEDURE AND ENDORSES REQUEST OF CONFERENCE TO HAVE DEPARTMENT ACT ON ITS BEHALF. IN EVENT SHANKER NOT AVAILABLE FOR FEBRUARY CONFERENCE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GROUP DO NOT PLAN TO ASK ANY OTHER AMERICAN LABOR LEADER TO THAT MEETING BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT OTHER TIME OF CALENDAR YEAR SHANKER COULD BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME OTHER CONFERENCE.

2. IF SHANKER IS AVAILABLE FOR FEBRUARY CONFERENCE LABATT REQUESTS TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED NEXT WEEK SO THAT CONFERENCE SPONSORS CAN DISCUSS WITH HIM DETAILS OF TRIP AND PROGRAM.

3. LABATT REPEATS HIS SUGGESTION THAT IF SHANKER COME
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TO AUSTRALIA FOR FEBRUARY MEETING HE ALLOWS SUFFICIENT TIME

FOR OTHER EVENTS WHICH CAN BE SCHEDULED BEFORE OR AFTER
FEBRUARY 12-14. FOR EXAMPLE IN STATE OF VICTORIA ALONE THERE
ARE CLOSE TO 2,000 AMERICAN TEACHERS UNDER CONTRACT WITH STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHING IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
OBCIOUSLY SOME NUMBER OF THESE COULD BE ASSEMBLED IN VARIOUS
CENTERS TO MEET WITH SHANKER TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST.
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